

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any vacancy shall happen in the office of one or more of the commissioners by death, resignation, removal or otherwise, it shall be lawful for the remaining commissioners, and they are hereby required to cause an election to be made at the court-house in said town, by the inhabitants thereof, and others qualified to vote as aforesaid, of one or more judicious and discreet persons, resident as aforesaid, to supply every such vacancy during the remainder of the term, and the time of holding such intervening election shall be previously notified for the space of ten days preceding the election.

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Vacancies, how to be supplied.

5. AND BE IT ENACTED, That every commissioner to be appointed in pursuance of this act, before he shall proceed to execute his office, shall take an oath, or affirmation, before some justice of the peace, that he will diligently and faithfully, according to the best of his judgment, perform the duties of a commissioner of the said town, according to the directions of this act, without favour, partiality or prejudice, and a certificate of such qualification shall be made and returned by such justice of the peace to the said commissioners, to be filed and recorded among their proceedings.

Commissioners to take an oath.

6. AND BE IT ENACTED. That the said commissioners, or a major part of them, shall meet together at the court-house in the said town, or at such other public place within the limits thereof as shall be previously notified, in the month of April eighteen hundred and sixteen, and statedly on the first Monday in every third month thereafter, and as much oftener, by adjournment, as they shall judge to be necessary; and when so assembled, the said commissioners, or the major part of them, shall proceed to execute the several powers and authorities vested in them by this act, from time to time, as occasions shall require.

Meetings of commissioners.

7. AND BE IT ENACTED. That the said commissioners shall be and they are hereby authorised, empowered and required, to meet as aforesaid, and from time to time to ordain and organize such plans and regulations as they shall judge beneficial to the town and precincts, or the inhabitants thereof; to cause to be removed all nuisances and obstructions that may interrupt the passage of the said inhabitants, or others, in the streets, lanes and alleys, of the said town, and precincts; to cause the principal, or other streets, to be repaired, improved or paved, and to provide means for these salutary purposes; to cause the inhabitants, and others entitled to vote for commissioners according to this act, to be and continue registered, and to make such alterations in the register thereof, from time to time, as the increasing number of inhabitants, or other changing circumstances shall render necessary; and shall make such by-laws for the regulation and good government of the said town and precincts, and the inhabitants thereof, and to restrain all disorders and disturbances, and to prevent all nuisances, inconveniences and annoyances, within the said town and precincts, and other matters, exigencies and things, within the said town and precincts, as to them, or a major part of them, shall seem meet and consonant to reason, and not contrary to the constitution and laws of this state; and the said by-laws shall be observed, kept and performed, by all the inhabitants of the said town, and all persons trading therein, under such reasonable penalties, fines and forfeitures, as shall be imposed by the said by-

Powers of commissioners.